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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT TACOMA

8 CHRISTOPHER MILLER,

9 Plaintiff,

v.

10 MARGARET GILBERT, et al.,

11 Defendants.

CASE NO. C16-5891 BHS

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION FOR
RECONSIDERATION

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13 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Christopher Miller's ("Miller")
14 motion for reconsideration. Dkt. 148.

15 On April 29, 2019, the Court denied Miller's motion to appoint counsel. Dkt. 145.
16 In that order, the Court informed Miller that it sent multiple requests to the pro bono
17 panel after appointed counsel withdrew. *Id.* No attorney, however, volunteered to
18 represent Miller so the Court denied Miller's motion to appoint counsel. *Id.* On May 7,
19 2019, Miller filed the instant motion requesting reconsideration. Dkt. 148. Miller states
20 that he is having difficulty litigating this matter by himself and respectfully asks for
21 placement back on the pro bono panel. *Id.*
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1 Because no attorney volunteered to represent Miller, the Court's only option
2 would be to force an attorney to represent Miller. At this point, the Court declines to
3 impose such an obligation on an attorney in this civil suit for damages. If Miller finds an
4 attorney to represent him, the Court will favorably consider an appointment of that
5 attorney. Regarding the merits of the instant motion, the Court **DENIES** the motion
6 because it is not error to deny a motion to appoint when no attorney volunteers for such
7 an appointment.

8 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

9 Dated this 3rd day of June, 2019.

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12 BENJAMIN H. SETTLE
13 United States District Judge
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